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## NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): A FUEL TANK AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING IT  
 By (Inventors): Jean-Luc TAUREL; Eric FIRTION

Formal drawings (Figs. 1-5; 4 sheets) are attached.  
 Use Figure for front page of Publication.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.

This patent application is assigned to Compagnie Plastic Omnium.  
 The executed Assignment is filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.

Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_-.

Priority of foreign application No. 00 05638 filed May 3, 2000 in France is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED ABOVE

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BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	31 - 20	= 11
INDEP CLAIMS	3 - 3	= 0
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Check No. 118582 in the amount of \$908 to cover the filing fee is attached. Except as otherwise noted herein, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.

## SMALL ENTITY

RATE	Fee
	\$ 355
x 9 =	\$
x 40 =	\$
+ 135 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

OTHER THAN A  
SMALL ENTITY

OR	RATE	Fee
OR		\$ 710
OR	x 18	\$ 198
OR	x 80	\$
OR	+ 270	\$
OR	TOTAL	\$ 908

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